(c) and (d) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that on the basis of preliminary investigation, explanations of two executive Engineers, three Assistant Engineers and two Junior Engineers have been called for.

(e) to (g) DDA has further informed that for immediate replacement/retrofitting of dangerous RCC members, a consultant has been appointed. Based on the report of the consultant, tenders initially invited on 30.7.2007 were rejected by the Works Advisory Board. Tenders have now been re-invited.

Filling of vacancies of EEs in CPWD

2319. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150 vacancies in the grade of Executive Engineers (Civil and Electrical) are lying vacant in CPWD since long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not filling the above-said vacancies; and

(c) the steps Government proposes to take to fill the above-said vacancies immediately in view of Commonwealth Games 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. These vancancies remained vacant on account of pending litigation in the Delhi High Court. Now that the Hon'ble High Court vide its interim order dated 27.9.2007 has allowed to fill up these vacancies on ad-hoc basis, the Department have decided to fill up these posts.

Problems faced by residents of Janakpuri

2320. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently received representations from some Members of Parliament regarding the problems faced by the residents of B-2B Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The representation received through some Members of Parliament was initially forwarded to Delhi Development Authroity (DDA) for necessary action. However, it was informed that the area in question has been transferred to Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in 1981. Therefore, a copy of the representation has been referred to MCD for taking necessary action.

Conversion of flats to free hold by DDA

2321. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have recently decided to convert the lease hold flats of all types of DDA flats into free hold after depositing conversion charges which were purchased on General Power of Attorney irrespective of any cut-off date and even purchased on hire-purchase basis;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of applications lying pending for this purpose as on 1 st October, 2007 and the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when necessary conveyance deeds are likely to be issued to said applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY M AKEN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that the scheme of conversion from leasehold to freehold covering cases of conversion of all categorie of flats *i.e.* Janta, LIG, MIG and SFS from leasehold to freehold has been in operation since 1992. As per prevalent policy 40% rebate on conversion charges is given to the original allottee and in the cases of General Power of Attorney/Agreement to Sale Holder, 33-1/3% is charged as penalty, in addition to conversion charges.

(c) and (d). DDA has further informed that 2977 applications for conversions from leasehold to freehold were pending on 1.10.2007 due to non-submission of required docments and payment of dues etc. by the applicants. The conveyance deeds in such cases can be issued on submission of all the requisite documents and payment of dues etc. by the applicants to DDA.

Selection process of sportsmen/sportswomen

2322. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy for selection process of sportsmen/ sportswomen for the Commonwealth Games to be held in India in 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the aforesaid policy is being implemented by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating the details of training programme being conducted at present, game-wise/sportsperson-wise?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To improve the performance of the Indian contingent in the Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions have been held with all stakeholders and a Scheme for providing state of art training, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment etc. at an estimated cost of Rs. 802.00 crore has been drawn up for the elite sportspersons in all the disciplines of the Commonwealth Games, 2010. The selection process of above Scheme envisages that the Sports Authority of India, in consultation with the National Sports Federations of the concerned discipline, will prepare the list of core probables with complete profile of each sportsperson for the consideration of a "Monitoring Committee" and a "Steering Committee" constituted at the Government level, where these lists of core probables will be finalized. These core probables will undergo state of art training and exposure, and closer to the Games, based on their performance, the Indian teams which will represent India at the Commonwealth Games will be selected from out of these core probables.

(c) No, Sir. The Scheme is in the process of appraisal/approval.